Mideast Deal Suspected in Gun Seizure

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LONDON, Aug. 25—Police launched an international investigation into a suspected Middle East arms deal today after seizing a cache of guns and arresting one American and two Lebanese at the London Hilton Hotel.

The raid on the Hilton Monday night was one of the biggest operations of its kind in recent years. Police seized five machine guns, two pistols, a revolver and 1,548 rounds of ammunition.

The arrested men were identified as David Meiterman, 34, New York, Fouad Antoun 34, Beirut and Hassan Hussam, London.

Police sources said an alert Heathrow Airport customs officer tipped off Scotland Yard to the weapons, which were found at the hotel's luggage office. Scotland Yard detectives—some dressed as bellboys, waiters, elevator men or posing as guests—watched all entrances to the 27-story hotel for more than seven hours before making the arrests, the sources said.